

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 23-51 will be pending, of which claims 23, 32, and 33 are independent. Claims 2-22 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced with the new claims, and the claims are fully supported by the original parent disclosure.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record in the parent applications and that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If, after reviewing the above, the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Appendix

APPENDIX TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2-22 have been cancelled.

Claims 23-51 have been added.